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SUBJ: 30TH UNGA SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE--APARTHEID

- 1. SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE (SPC) APPROVED IN NOV 4 ROLL-CALL VOTE RESOLUTION L. 331 ENTITLED "SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA." RESULT WAS: 83-15(US)-13. EC-9 VOTED WITH US., ALONG WITH AUSTRIA, NORWAY, CANADA, ISRAEL AND JAPAN. NOTEWORTHY THAT NEW ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA, ICELAND AND SWEDEN WERE AMONG ABSTENTIONS. LATTER IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE NOTED ITS OPPOSITION TO WORDING WHICH WOULD LEGITIMIZE VIOLENCE. US. READ EXPLANATION OF VOTE ALONG LINES STATE 260009.
- 2. PAN AFRICANIST CONGRESS OBSERVER (SIBEKO) REGRETTED SO MANY COUNTRIES WHICH HAD HERETOFORE MILITANTLY BACKED RESOLUTIONS AGAINST APARTHEID FOUND THEY COULD NOT VOTE POSITIVELY IN FAVOR OF THIS RESOLUTION. HE OBJECTED STRONGLY TO ALLEGED PRESENCE OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS ON ANGOLAN TERRITORY IN HOT PURSUIT OF AFRICAN LIBERATION FORCES, AND CLAIMED THIS INDEED A THREAT TO PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE REGION. HE ASKED THAT THE ABSTAINERS AND NEGATIVE VOTERS RECONSIDER THEIR POSITION IN THE LIGHT OF THIS FACT.
  SIBEKO FORCEFULLY STATED THAT THE VOTE SHOWED THE WESTERN NATIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILL SIDE WITH SOUTH AFRICA IN ANY SHOWDOWN WITH LIBERATION FORCES.

3. THE ASEAN AREA SEEMS TO HAVE DRIFTED INTO THE AFRICAN CAMP ON THIS ISSUE, THAILAND, INDONESIA, AND MALAYSIA ALL VOTING "YES." THE RELATIVELY LARGE NUMBER OF ABSENTEES, PARTICULARLY FROM THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, WAS NOTICEABLE, BUT IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THIS WAS INTENTIONAL. IN FACT, THE DISCIPLINED PRESENCE OF THE SOVIET BLOC AND AFRICAN/ARAB COUNTRIES AT THE MOMENT OF VOTE WAS IMPRESSIVE AND A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN THE OVERWHELMING VOTE.

4. THE CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THERE WILL BE NO MEETING OF THE SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE ON NOVEMBER 5TH. HE EXPECTS THE VOTE ON RESOLUTION L. 332, "PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON APARTHEID" TO TAKE PLACE ON NOVEMBER 6TH. MOYNIHAN

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